

FAASTeam presents:

Long X-C by Helicopter: Lessons Learned from Traversing the US Low and Slow

Every GA flight offers somany learning opportunities. The longer the flight, the more there is to learnfrom. Route planning, weather forecasting, aircraft performance, and humanfactors all combine to make one continuous real-world training lesson. Recently, a group of SanCarlos Flight Center helicopter pilots and CFIs completed a series of longcross-country flights from the Bay Area to Seattle to pick up our new RobinsonR22 and R44 helicopters. The R22 they took was a two-seat, VFR-only helicopterthat cruises at about 90 knots. R22s are very weight-limited so that means evenmore advanced planning is needed to balance fuel and gear. The R44 was alarger, four-seat helicopter with a greater carrying capacity and although itwas IFR-capable, they made the trip entirely in VMC. The trips yielded someamazing views, and interesting safety challenges for the pilots behind thecontrols. For helicopters that often flying lower altitudes than fixed-wingaircraft, route selection through mountainous areas is critical. We have invited HelicopterCFIs Paul Harris and Rebecca Joseph along with a few of theother pilots who accompanied them on the journeys to share their story with ourcommunity of pilots. What were the most valuable lessons they learned? What wastheir daily planning regimen? What methods

Event Details

Sat, Dec 13, 2014 - 12:00 PST

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did they use for in-flight weather monitoring? What guidance can they share as to route selection and emergency preparedness? The story of how they responded when weather didn't turn out quite like they planned is fascinating and insightful. Join us for this entertaining and enlightening seminar, and learn from the experiences of others. All current and aspiring pilots are welcome, rotorcraft and fixed wing alike. Paul Harris is a helicopter CFI originally from the UK. He has more than five years and 1,000+ hours of dual instruction experience in Robinson R22 and R44 aircraft, and has a passion for safety. San Carlos Flight Center was voted Best Flight School in the US in the 2013 AOPA Flight Training Excellence Awards. We are committed to promoting safety in general aviation through our evening safety seminar programs. For more information about this and any of our weekly seminars, please visit <http://sancarlosflight.com/activities-and-events>.

Directions: Located in the Skyway Building, next to the Hiller Aviation Museum. Parking and entrance behind building. Suite 215 is upstairs in the northwest corner. Pilots who fly in should park in transient parking on the opposite side of the field and call the Flight Center for a ride (650) 946-1700.

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